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## **MILWAUKEE POLICE, ATF ROUND UP GANG MEMBERS** ***Search warrants, arrests get violent criminals off the street***

Milwaukee Police in a partnership with agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms served multiple search warrants and made 15 arrests Wednesday of those suspected of being involved with a violent criminal street gang known as the "Simon City Royals." Police seized firearms, drugs and cash after serving the warrants.

Members of law enforcement including the Milwaukee Police Intelligence Division, ATF, HIDTA and tactical entry teams from the Milwaukee and New Berlin Police Departments and Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, served search warrants Tuesday in Janesville and early Wednesday in Milwaukee, Greenfield, West Allis, New Berlin and Waukesha as part of a 17-month investigation into the gang's activities. Members of the Royals are suspects in burglaries, robberies and beatings as part of the gang's drug dealing criminal enterprise. One gang member was charged with two counts of homicide in a shooting rampage at an Oak Creek motel in 2004.

"This type of cooperation among agencies is what helps us take down these gangs that terrorize the citizens of Milwaukee," Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty said. "The expertise that our Intelligence Division personnel, ATF agents and others brought to this investigation resulted in taking guns, drugs and dangerous criminals off the street."

Arthur Chavarria, Resident Agent in Charge for the Milwaukee Office of ATF added, "We are pleased that a strong working relationship with the Milwaukee Police Department has resulted in these arrests. We look forward to continuing this partnership that we believe will results in helping put more dangerous people behind bars."

The cases will be referred to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office for dozens of charges including felony conspiracy to deliver marijuana, felony conspiracy to deliver cocaine, felony delivery of a controlled substance and felony possession with intent to deliver. Several of the suspects arrested may be presented for Federal prosecution for alleged violations of Federal firearms laws, Chavarria said.

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